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Pacifica becomes a National Weather Service TsunamiReady Community

National Weather Service officials have recognized the city of Pacifica as a TsunamiReady® community. The [TsunamiReady](#) program helps community leaders and residents better prepare for hazardous weather, flooding, and tsunamis. TsunamiReady communities have made a strong commitment to implement the infrastructure and systems needed to save lives and protect property when severe weather strikes.

Logan Johnson, Warning Coordination Meteorologist of the National Weather Service forecast office in the San Francisco Bay Area, presented city officials with a certificate and special TsunamiReady® signs during a ceremony at Linda Mar Beach in Pacifica on April 21, 2014.

"We applaud the efforts of the City of Pacifica for their proactive approach towards preparedness from weather and tsunami hazards. The citizens should take pride in the accomplishments and dedication of their city officials and the level of safety and preparedness that they are working to promote in the community," said Johnson.

"The process involved in becoming tsunami ready gave me and members of other city departments a greater awareness about tsunamis and how we can more effectively work together," said Captain Joe Spanheimer of the Pacifica Police Department. Captain Spanheimer led city efforts to obtain this important recognition.

The nationwide community preparedness program, founded in 1999, is a grassroots approach to preparing for natural hazards. Today, more than 2,000 U.S. communities are better prepared for severe weather and tsunami hazards through the StormReady and TsunamiReady programs.

To be recognized as TsunamiReady, a community must maintain a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center; have more than one way to receive National Weather Service warnings and to alert the public; be able to monitor local weather and flood conditions; conduct community preparedness programs; and ensure hazardous weather, flooding, and tsunamis are addressed in formal emergency management plans, which include training [SKYWARN](#)® weather spotters and holding emergency exercises. The community must document tsunami hazard zones and evacuation routes and designate these with special signs and provide community outreach on tsunami hazards.

The StormReady and TsunamiReady programs are part of the National Weather Service's working partnership with the [International Association of Emergency Managers](#) and the [National Emergency Management Association](#). The TsunamiReady recognition is valid for three years and can be renewed.

NOAA's [National Weather Service](#) is the primary source of weather data, forecasts and warnings for the United States and its territories. The National Weather Service operates the most advanced weather and flood warning and forecast system in the world, helping to protect lives and property and enhance the national economy. Working with partners, the National Weather Service is building a [Weather-Ready Nation](#) to support community resilience in the face of increasing vulnerability to extreme weather. Visit us online at weather.gov and on [Facebook](#).

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